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1. On 4 September 1953, the Fuesilier Kaserne in Rostock quartered an estimated 800 KVPs. About 60 percent of the personnel were from 17 to 20 years old and had probably been newly recruited. Crimson, dark-blue, red-bordered black and also some yellow-bordered black collar patches were observed with these soldiers, while most of the officers wore black-bordered crimson collar patches. Training with 4 T-34 tanks and 6 x 76-mm field guns was observed in the billeting area. Driving school was being conducted with a model JSU-249 heavy SP gun. [REDACTED]

2. Source previously believed that the unit stationed at the barracks installation near the old cemetery was a KVP unit whose soldiers still wore the old blue uniforms. Since the soldiers of this unit still wear blue uniforms and are only armed with carbines, source now believes that the unit involved belongs to the general police.

[REDACTED] Comment. The same source reported that the KVP Bereitschaft in Rostock was in the strength of about 300 men on 27 July. Other sources reported that this Bereitschaft was to be deactivated in August 1953 or merged with elements of the 3d Mecz Regt of Division Eggesin. It is believed that the KVP units in Rostock received new recruits since recruiting activities for the KVP were resumed in August. [REDACTED] indicate that the unit consists of elements of various branches of service such as infantry, artillery, tank and signal troops. Model JSU-249 SP guns have so far not been observed with the KVP.